GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
TRIBAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

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CONSTRUCTION OF HOSTELS FOR STs
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Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Hostels constructed for STs under the centrally sponsored scheme during the last three years with the number of beneficiaries, State-wise and location-wise;

(b) the amount of financial assistance allocated and released for the construction of said hostels during each of the last three years, State-wise;

(c) whether there is any mechanism for monitoring of the above scheme; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF TRIBAL AFFAIRS(SHRI P. R. KYNDIAH)

(a) & (b) : The number of Hostels for STs sanctioned by the Ministry during the last three years to various State Governments/ UTs, with number of beneficiaries, their locations and the amount of financial assistance sanctioned is given in the Annexure. There is no provision in the scheme for State-wise allocation of funds as it is a demand driven scheme and grants are released on the basis of complete proposals received from States/UTs which include utilization certificates for previous releases, provision for State's matching share in the State's budget and detailed cost estimates based on PWD/CPWD schedule of rates duly certified by the competent authority.

(c) & (d) : Yes, Sir. Funds for fresh proposals for hostels are released only after ensuring Utilisation Certificates and physical progress reports in respect of grants released during previous years. The officials of the Ministry, when on tour, also visit the projects sanctioned by the Ministry under this scheme.